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27 October 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman of the IAC

SUBJECT : Final Report Ad Hoc IAC Committee (Watch)

1. IAC action on 6 October 1953 (M-124) directed the formation of a special ad hoc committee "to conduct a thorough review of the watch processes and to prepare recommendations for the IAC, and ultimately the NSC, to increase its efficiency."
2. The Ad Hoc IAC Committee (Watch) first met on 30 October 1953, and on 26 April 1954 submitted an interim progress report to the IAC /Tab A to IAC-D-6/1 (Revised)7 recommending that: (a) the IAC approve a revised Terms of Reference for the Watch Committee; (b) the committee continue to examine the watch aspects of extant systems and procedures of alert and channels for transmission of warnings of attack.
3. Following IAC approval on 4 May 1954 (M-150), these recommendations have been carried out, as to revising the Watch Committee Terms of Reference, by publication on 11 May 1954 of DCID 1/2 (Terms of Reference Watch Committee of the IAC) and, as to examining extant watch systems, by ad hoc committee discussions subsequent to rendering the progress report noted above.
4. Pursuant to the IAC action of 4 May 1954 and in accordance with DCID 1/2, the Watch Committee has been reconstituted and the National Indications Center has been activated. While developing, the NIC occupies space, on a temporary basis, in the area previously used by the Watch Committee Secretariat, where it will remain until such time as permanent accommodations have been constructed in the Pentagon.
5. With these actions, the task of the Ad Hoc IAC Committee (Watch) has been completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the IAC note the foregoing report.
2. That the Ad Hoc IAC Committee (Watch) be dissolved.

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Ad Hoc IAC Committee (Watch)

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